emphasis is given to start industry and service and business (ISB) based ventures. As a result, Industry based ventures which were just 2% under IRDP in 1980-81 when the scheme started have risen to 18.41% in 1992-93. Out of the total assisted projects. In Punjab, this percentage is 26%. Under the Scheme of Self-Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY), 98,523 ventures were assisted in Punjab as against a total of 15.95 lakhs in the country during 1983-84 to 1992-93. These are small ventures with investment upto Rs. 35,000 spread over all the districts in Punjab.

Centrally sponsored schemes in Rural Areas of Punjab

5007. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of Centrally sponsored schemes to create maximum number of job opportunities in the rural and border areas of Punjab;

(b) what are the details of allocations made to Punjab Government for the schemes for the current financial year;

(c) what effective measures are being taken by Government to implement these schemes in the State;

(d) whether any result has been achieved from the said schemes in the rural areas of the State; and

(e) whether the said schemes were implemented properly in the rural and border schemes for the current financial year;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) and (b) Major Centrally sponsored schemes to create job opportunities in the rural areas, including the border areas of Punjab are IRDP and JRY, IRDP aims at creating self employment opportunities in rural areas through assistance in the form of Bank credit/subsidy to the families living below the poverty line to undertake economic activities in the Primary, Secondary and tertiary sectors. Similarly, JRY is a regular on going centrally sponsored programme implemented by the Govt. all over the country including the State of Punjab. The primary objective of the scheme is to provide additonal gainful employment to the unemployed and underemployed persons below poverty line in the rural areas. The total amount of Central allocation made to the Punjab State during 1994-95 under the programmes is as follow :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	*Amount allocated*
IRDP	262.00*
JRY	1359.42*

(c) to (e) The above schemes are effectively monitored by the officers of the Central Govt. as well as of the State Govt. for their proper implementation. Besides, Concurrent evaluation Studies are also carried out through independent Research Institutions/organisations to assess the impact of these programmes. Based on the findings of the evaluation studies, necessary corrective measures are taken to effect improvements in future. The programmes are uniformly implemented in the rural areas of the State including the border areas.

Central scheme in the North Eastern Region

5008. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Schemes viz. National Rural Employment Programme, Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) are not able to make any progress in the North Eastern region; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what action has been taken in this regard ?

*Provisional figures.